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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Communication dated June 20, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 20, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18, 20-24, 27-31, 33-37 and 53-75 remain pending in the application and are shown above. The claims are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement on grounds that this application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species listed in claims 74 and 75. Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In the view of the Examiner, no claims are currently generic.

Applicants hereby elect (2,4-dimethylpentadienyl) ruthenium (isopropylcyclopentadienyl) with traverse. Applicants assert that the elected specie is encompassed by all pending claims as part of the Markush groups and the claims are not properly restricted. Also, independent claims 1, 14, 27, and 69 recite ruthenium containing compounds, and are generic to the elected species. Accordingly, withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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